From the desk of Fr. Podraza

Advent 2016 Reflections: "Try to identify the moments of grace in your life today. Be alert to the opportunities offered to you, and aware that your daily life is filled with these chances. Grace is here, there, and everywhere." Remember: "Yesterday is history. Tomorrow is mystery. Today is gift."

Pro Life Dinner: Saint Rose Pro Life committee has scheduled a Pro Life dinner and presentation for Sunday, January 8, 2017 at 12:00 p.m. (noon) in Saint Rose Parish Hall. We will have a light meal and a short presentation from Angela Barnell, Knox County Right To Life President. Please mark your calendar and plan to attend this Parish event.

God's Acers/God's Workday 2016: Saint Andrew, Bloomfield and Saint Rose, Crofton. "The earth has yielded its produce; God, our God blesses us." "God's Acre contributions can be donated until the end of the year, December. God's Acre envelopes are in our Parish envelope boxes and are on the tables in church for your convenience. Or if you would like to drop an envelope in the collection basket, just mark it "God's Acre" with your name and envelope number. Thank You for your generous spirits. More next week.

Saint Rose School: "Remember that from faith formation these things happen: Build a stronger Church and improve academic outcomes. More next week. Thank you and support Catholic education in Crofton please.

School Wish List: Each week we will publish school items needed for teachers and students. This week items: New chairs for our teachers in the classrooms and donations for classroom supplies. Please contact Jennifer D. Fiscus, Principal for more information at 402-388-4393.

Thanksgiving Fun: Here is a Thanksgiving list to God developed by Saint Rose students. 1.) Family 2.) Jesus 3.) Air 4.) Teachers 5.) Fashion 6.) Twix candy bar 7.) Dallas Cowboys football team and more!

Divine Mercy: The Lord tells Saint Faustina: "This is the hour of great mercy for the whole world. … I will refuse nothing to the soul that makes a request of Me in virtue of My Passion." (Diary, 1320). More next week.

Endowments: "Consider your Christian responsibility to yourself, your family and to God to be a wise steward of the gifts God has given you. How will your gifts (assets) be passed on to those you love and care for when you die? Planning now will help those you love live more peacefully in the future." Contact Ron Worthington, Estate Planning Officer in the Archdiocese of Omaha, at (402) 557-5650 Ext. 1901 or at rcworthington@archomaha.org. to learn more. Your faith is worth passing on. More next week.

2016-2017 Archbishop's Annual Appeal: Updated numbers as of Wednesday, November 30, 2016. Saint Rose, Crofton $10,765.00 -83.7% of Parish goal which is $12,864.00 this year. So far 77 donors have participated. Saint Andrew, Bloomfield has reached its goal of $5,781.00 this year. Thank you for your generous spirit.

Parish Food Pantry Donations: Donation for December is Peanut Butter and Jelly. Remember that some families live with hunger throughout the year. Donations go to United Methodist food pantry Bloomfield. Thank you for your generosity to all those families in need.

Pray For: "For the gift of life from the moment of conception to natural death."

Please prayerfully consider remembering our parish as a beneficiary of your donor advised funds.

Prayer Opportunities:

Advent/2016 Prayers: "Loving God, you always do what is good for us. Help us be alert to the moments of grace you offer in our lives. Help us prepare for Christmas with an open heart and mind." Amen.

***Eucharistic Adoration*:** Every Wednesday there is Eucharistic Adoration open to the public from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. in Saint Rose Church. You are invited to spend time with our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament. Time spent with the Lord is never wasted time! There is an open spot from 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. to fill. Please help out if you can.

***2017 March For Life*:** January 25-30, 2017. High School Pilgrims check the web site: RespectLifeOmaha.com for more information. This is for any adult, FFY and High School students. The Parishes will help with the costs. Call Father Tim Podraza 402-388-4814.

***Prayer for Officers in Command*:** "God and Father of Our Lord Jesus Christ, hear my prayer for these soldiers under my command. Grant that I may bring the spirit of Christ to all my efforts and orders as I exercise my authority over those entrusted to my care. Enlighten my judgment with your Holy Spirit so that I may make decisions in conformity with your law and for the common good. Grant this through Christ our Lord. Amen."

ST. ROSE - GIFT TO GOD - NOVEMBER 27, 2016

Sunday Giving needed weekly - $5,070.00

Sunday	$ 3,071.38
Plate	$ 178.00
Children	$ 76.00
God's Acre	$ 4,506.00
Fuel	$ 120.00

$26,000.00	Total Borrowed Oct 30
3,000.00	Borrowed for Nov
$29,000.00	Total Borrowed Nov 30

Religious Retirement Collection: December 11th

ACTIVITIES IN DEC - ST ROSE & ST ANDREW

***Eucharistic Adoration* (Wednesdays) 9 AM until 10 PM - St. Rose Church**
That Man is You—Men's Group meets Tuesday mornings 6:00-7:15 AM
Bible Study-Book of Acts, Mondays at 7 PM, St. Rose Education Center

Dec 4 **SR Christmas Flower Collection**
SA *Individual* Confessions, 12 noon - 2:00 PM, (St. Andrew's Church)
SR School Christmas Concert for Preschool & Grades 1-6, 3 PM
Dec 6 SR Pro-Life Meeting, 4:30 PM, (St. Rose Church Family Room)
SR Unity Supper Meeting, 7:00 PM, (St. Rose Education Center)
Dec 7 **Immaculate Conception Holyday Eve Mass:**
7:30 PM (St. Rose) SR CCD/FFY required to attend
Dec 8 **Immaculate Conception Holyday Masses:**
7:00 AM and 8:15 AM (St. Rose) 7:00 PM (St. Andrew's)
Dec 10 SR CCD/St. Rose School Second Grade 1st Reconciliation, 10:00 AM
Dec 11 SR Choir of Fire sings at 8:30 AM Mass, (St. Rose Church)
SA CCD Class, 9:00-10:15 AM, (St. Andrew's Church)
—CCD Grades 3 & 4 recite rosary at 10:15 AM
—CCD Grades 3 & 4 have reconciliation after 10:30 Mass
SA Christmas Choir Practice, 9:40 AM, (St. Andrew's Church)
SA Toys for Tots Sunday-bring your toys to 10:30 Mass
Dec 13 SR School Board Meeting, 7:00 PM, (St. Rose Education Center)
Dec 14 SR Choir of Fire Practice, 6:30 PM, (St. Rose Church)
SR CCD Class, 7:30 PM, (St. Rose School)
SR FFY Class, Christmas Party, 7:30 PM, (Dave & Deb Kube Home)

ST. ROSE OF LIMA SCHOOL NEWS:

Dec. 4: St. Rose Christmas Concert: Superheroes at the Manger, for Preschool and Grades 1-6, 3:00 PM, St. Rose Parish Hall. Everyone welcome to join us.

Dec. 5: Advent Retreat for Grades 5 & 6 at Mount Marty College, Yankton

Dec. 10: St. Rose/ CCD Grade 2 First Reconciliation, 10:00 AM in Church

100 CLUB WINNERS:
November 20: $50 - Donna Mae Guenther
November 27: $50 - Card # 1051

December: 100 Club Cards available for purchase for 2017 drawings. Contact Mrs. Fiscus or Mrs. Thoene at the school or rectory offices or Donna Mae Guenther. ***Cards also available for purchase after weekend Masses in the back of St. Rose Church.***

SR GUILD NEWS:

Division 3 Serves next funeral, Deanna Poppe, Chairman
Division 4 Decorates Church for Christmas, Jenn Haberer, Chairman
Division 12 Cleans church in December, Wendy Wieseler, Chairman

Ladies Guild officer nominations at weekend Masses, Dec. 3 & 4.

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

The sick: Allan Arens, Bernadette Tramp, Heather Hegge, Marge Kronberg, Jeanine Johnson, Christy (Tweedy) Hebeisen, Ray Poppe, Craig Gobel, Frances Johnson, Ann Johnson, Sue Sandvig, Shirley (Hegge) Mines, all the troops overseas, and those suffering from natural disasters.

"**Heavenly Father accept our prayers offered for them."**

READINGS FOR DECEMBER 11, 2016

1st Reading: Isaiah 35:1-6, 10 **Psalm:** 146:6-10
2nd Reading: James 5:7-10 **Gospel**: Matthew 11:2-11

MASS INTENTIONS

Tue	Dec 6	8:15 am	(SR)	**Communion Service**
		9:30 am	(WAL)	**Communion Service**
		10:45 am	(BGSC)	Knights of Columbus
Wed	Dec 7	8:15 am	(SR)	Harold Tramp
		7:30 pm	**(SR)**	CCD & FFY Families, Teachers, and Students
Thu	Dec 8	**7:00 am**	**(SR)**	Esther Kremer McIntosh
		8:15 am	**(SR)**	Lyle Leader
		7:00 pm	**(SA)**	SA / SR Parishioners
Fri	Dec 9	8:15 am	(SR)	Lorene Ausdemore
Sat	Dec 10	8:00 am	(SR)	Gerald W. Arens
		5:30 pm	(SR)	Debbie & Annette Sudbeck
Sun	Dec 11	8:30 am	(SR)	SA / SR Parishioners
		10:30 am	(SA)	Evelyn & Gregory Meirose

SA - Saint Andrew's WAL - Wausa Assisted Living
BGSC - Bloomfield Good Samaritan Center SR - Saint Rose

Liturgical Roles

DECEMBER 7 @ 7:30 PM - ST. ROSE

Immaculate Conception Holyday Eve:
LECTOR: Lauren Arens **SERVERS**: CCD Students
EMHC: Deacon Frank, Hannah S., Kara E., Nancy S., Deb K.
USHERS: FFY Students **MUSIC**: Choir of Fire

DECEMBER 8 @ 7:00 AM - ST. ROSE

Immaculate Conception Holyday: Volunteers for Ministry

DECEMBER 8 @ 8:15 AM - ST. ROSE

Immaculate Conception Holyday: Ministry by St. Rose School and Staff

DECEMBER 8 @ 7:00 PM - ST. ANDREW

Immaculate Conception Holyday: LECTOR: Denise Koertje
EMHC: Keith Koertje USHERS & SERVERS: Volunteers

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10 @ 5:30 PM - ST. ROSE

LECTOR: Roger Janssen
SET UP: Rosanne Hoebelheinrich
SERVERS: Tuff & Jace Foxhoven, Megan Tramp, Rebecca Leader
USHERS: Gary, Joe, Alex, and Logan Leader
EMHC: Deacon Frank & Mary, Laverta M., Dorothy S., Jay H.-Shut-ins
GIFTS: Jay & Jennifer Haberer

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11 @ 8:30 AM - ST. ROSE

LECTOR: Curt & Lauren Arens
SET UP: Larry Koch
SERVERS: Joey Sprakel, Brady Sprakel, Lacey Sprakel, Cassie Altwine
USHERS: Dan & Ashton Arens, Neal & Jake Neuhalfen
EMHC: Deacon Frank, Charlotte A., Barb L., Ron & Bernice T.-Shut-ins
GIFTS: Dale & Charlotte Arens
MONEY: Linda Jackson, Jeremy Buschkamp

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11 @ 10:30 AM - ST. ANDREW

EMHC: Daniel Kleinschmit, Bill Schumacher, Kelli Fehringer-shut-ins
LECTOR: Steve Kumm
SERVERS: Sam & Grace Van Metre, Jonathan Nissen
GREETERS and *VOCATION CROSS:
Rich & Carolyn Kaiser and *Scott Fiedler Family

ST. ANDREW'S - GIFT TO GOD - NOVEMBER 27, 2016

Sunday Giving needed weekly - $1,340.00

Sunday	$ 2,007.20
Plate	$ 73.00
Children	$ 16.00
God's Acres	$ 200.89

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ST. ANDREW'S NEWS

CCD: Class on Sunday, December 11th, 9:00-10:15 AM
CCD Grades 3 & 4 recite rosary at 10:15 AM
CCD Grades 3 & 4 have reconciliation after 10:30 Mass

UPCOMING: Coffee and rolls and a special guest visit on Sunday, December 18 beginning at 9:00 AM. Don't be late!!

YANKTON BANQUET: St. Andrew's Church, along with area Bloomfield churches, are scheduled to serve the *Banquet* on Thursday, December 15, 2016 beginning at 6:00 p.m. We need at least six people/ volunteers to help from Saint Andrew's Parish. Volunteers need to arrive at 5:00 p.m. for final set-up. St. Andrew's parish is asked to supply desserts for the meal. More details later.

MUSIC PRACTICE: Attention children and students, ages preschool through high school, there will be a music get-together on the following Sundays at St. Andrew's in preparation for Christmas: (Church basement) Dec. 11 at 9:40 am; and (Church main floor near choir) December 18 at 9:40 am. Contact Laurie Larsen at 402-640-2147 with any questions.

SA TOYS FOR TOTS SUNDAY is December 11th. Children should bring up their toys / gifts at offertory time during Mass that day.

SA CHRISTMAS FLOWERS Asking for donations of flowers and plants, in memory of loved ones, to help decorate St. Andrew's Church. There is a sheet in the entry of church for parishioners to list their loved ones names and their donors. This list of names will be placed in the church bulletin at Christmas.

LEGACY MAILING GOES OUT.

The annual Christmas St. Rose School Legacy Fund mailing is going out in the coming days to more than 700 parishioners and school supporters and alumni across the country. This semi-annual appeal gives updates on school-related news and asks for donations through several parish fundraising opportunities, including the long-standing Legacy Fund. If you know of anyone who is not receiving the newsletter but should be on the list, please email the parish office with names and addresses.

We are particularly interested in increasing our school alumni mailing list. Thank you in advance for your help and generosity.

OUR CONDOLENCES to the families of Tommy Hanson, husband of Bev (Potts) Hanson, and Father Donald Kros who passed away. May Our Heavenly Father welcome them home and give comfort to those they leave behind.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Dec. 4: St. John the Baptist Catholic Order of Foresters will have their annual **Pancake and Sausage Breakfast** at the Parish Center in Fordyce. Serving will be from 8:30 a.m. till 1:00 p.m. Please join us!

Dec. 4: Crofton Senior Center Breakfast, 8:00-12 noon. Everyone is welcome.